

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1 1. A method of processing a biometric input, said method
2 comprising:
3 receiving the biometric input from a biometric
4 receiving device;
5 computing a biometric signature corresponding to the
6 biometric input;
7 comparing the biometric signature to one or more
8 stored biometric signatures;
9 determining a match based on the comparing;
10 identifying an action based on the determination; and
11 performing the identified action.

1 2. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the
2 performing further includes:
3 identifying a message recipient;
4 preparing a message; and
5 sending the message to the message recipient.

1 3. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the
2 preparing further includes:
3 identifying an encryption key corresponding to the
4 recipient; and
5 encrypting the message using the identified encryption
6 key.

1 4. The method as described in claim 2 wherein the
2 preparing further includes:
3 identifying a sender's digital signature; and
4 signing the message with the sender's digital
5 signature.

1 5. The method as described in claim 2 further comprising:

2 identifying a visual image corresponding to a person,
3 the person corresponding to the biometric
4 signature; and
5 including the visual image in the message.

1 6. The method as described in claim 1 wherein the
2 biometric receiving device includes a plurality of
3 biometric receiving devices, each receiving device
4 corresponding to a distinct location id.

1 7. The method as described in claim 6 further comprising;
2 identifying a message recipient;
3 preparing a message;
4 retrieving a biometric location corresponding to one
5 of the biometric input devices from which the
6 biometric input was received; and
7 sending a message to the message recipient, wherein
8 the message includes the biometric location.

1 8. An information handling system comprising:
2 one or more processors;
3 a memory accessible by the processors;
4 one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by
5 the processors;
6 a biometric input handling tool to manage a biometric
7 input stored on one of the nonvolatile storage
8 devices, the biometric input handling tool
9 including:
10 means for receiving the biometric input from a
11 biometric receiving device;
12 means for computing a biometric signature
13 corresponding to the biometric input;

14 means for comparing the biometric signature to
15 one or more stored biometric signatures;
16 means for determining a match based on the
17 comparing;
18 means for identifying an action based on the
19 determination; and
20 means for performing the identified action.

1 9. The information handling system as described in claim
2 8 wherein the means for performing further includes:
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message; and
5 means for sending the message to the message
6 recipient.

1 10. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding
4 to the recipient; and
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified
6 encryption key.

1 11. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;
4 and
5 means for signing the message with the sender's
6 digital signature.

1 12. The information handling system as described in claim
2 9 further comprising:

3 means for identifying a visual image corresponding to
4 a person, the person corresponding to the
5 biometric signature; and
6 means for including the visual image in the message.

1 13. The information handling system as described in claim
2 8 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a
3 plurality of biometric receiving devices, each
4 receiving device corresponding to a distinct location
5 id.

1 14. The information handling system as described in claim
2 13 further comprising;
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message;
5 means for retrieving a biometric location
6 corresponding to one of the biometric input
7 devices from which the biometric input was
8 received; and
9 means for sending a message to the message recipient,
10 wherein the message includes the biometric
11 location.

1 15. A computer program product stored in a computer
2 operable media for managing a data source, said
3 computer program product comprising:
4 means for receiving the biometric input from a
5 biometric receiving device;
6 means for computing a biometric signature
7 corresponding to the biometric input;
8 means for comparing the biometric signature to one or
9 more stored biometric signatures;
10 means for determining a match based on the comparing;

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11 means for identifying an action based on the
12 determination; and
13 means for performing the identified action.

1 16. The computer program product as described in claim 15
2 wherein the means for performing further includes:
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message; and
5 means for sending the message to the message
6 recipient.

1 17. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying an encryption key corresponding
4 to the recipient; and
5 means for encrypting the message using the identified
6 encryption key.

1 18. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 wherein the means for preparing further includes:
3 means for identifying a sender's digital signature;
4 and
5 means for signing the message with the sender's
6 digital signature.

1 19. The computer program product as described in claim 16
2 further comprising:
3 means for identifying a visual image corresponding to
4 a person, the person corresponding to the
5 biometric signature; and
6 means for including the visual image in the message.

1 20. The computer program product as described in claim 15
2 wherein the biometric receiving device includes a

3 plurality of biometric receiving devices, each
4 receiving device corresponding to a distinct location
5 id.

1 21. The computer program product as described in claim 20
2 further comprising;
3 means for identifying a message recipient;
4 means for preparing a message;
5 means for retrieving a biometric location
6 corresponding to one of the biometric input
7 devices from which the biometric input was
8 received; and
9 means for sending a message to the message recipient,
10 wherein the message includes the biometric
11 location.

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